

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and the danger of only one point of view. It's not what this country was based on. There was a reason that media consolidation was regulated. It was so everyone had a chance to be heard. There was room for many different points of view. I believe it's the height of dirty politics to use the stations to air an anti-kerry documentary and not allow a documentary like GOING UP RIVER to be shown. Give your audience both sides and let us decide.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.